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2009-11 Budget Bill Statutory Language Drafting Request

- Topic: Food Share Benefits for Qualified Aliens
- Tracking Code: BB0428
- SBO team: Health and Insurance
- SBO analyst: Krista Willing
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- Agency acronym: DHS
- Agency number: 435
- Priority (Low, Medium, High): High

Intent:

Amend statutes to eliminate the provision for Foodshare benefits for qualified aliens.

See attached paper.

Please feel free to call me with any questions!

FoodShare Benefits for Qualified Aliens

Problem Description

The Federal Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) permits states to decide if they will allow legal immigrants FoodShare benefits during the immigrant's first five years in residence. If a state chooses to provide benefits, the state is responsible for 100% of the funding amount. Budget constraints may restrict Wisconsin's ability to provide these benefits in future years.

Background and Rationale for Change

States are allowed to purchase food stamps from the Federal government to provide benefits to legally immigrated adults in the first five years of their United States residency.

Effective January 28, 2008, Afghan and Iraqi aliens are eligible to receive federal Food Stamp (FoodShare) benefits for the first 6 to 8 months they reside in the U.S. After the initial months, Iraqi and Afghan refugees receive benefits from the Wisconsin state-funded program.

Wisconsin is one of three states who have elected to provide benefits to its population of legal immigrants. As of November 2008, there are 771 participants in 678 households who receive state-funded FoodShare benefits.

Funding in appropriation 414 is insufficient to pay for the number of individuals enrolled in the state's GPR-funded FoodShare program for legally immigrated adults.

Current Language

49.79 (8) BENEFITS FOR QUALIFIED ALIENS. The department shall provide benefits under this section to a qualified alien who is ineligible for benefits under this section solely because of the application of 9 USC 1612 or 1613 according to a plan approved by the federal department of agriculture. This subsection does not apply to the extent that federal food stamp benefits for qualified aliens are restored by the federal government.

Proposed Change

Eliminate the provision for FoodShare benefits for qualified aliens.

Desired Effective Date:	Upon passage of the bill.
Agency:	DHFS
Agency Contact:	Carrie Schneck
Phone:	266-5362



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For further information see the *state* fiscal estimate, which will be printed as an appendix to this bill.

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